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Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

It is my understanding that the FCC is presently prepared to consider a new federal regulation that will raise the prices for pre-paid calling cards—the telephone service of choice overseas troops use to call their families and friends at home.

I am a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary and I strongly oppose these proposed new phone charges. Approving this misguided plan to raise phone prices on our military would adversely affect the morale of our military men and women serving far away from America. I believe these proposed new phone charges would set a terrible example.

I call on you to not, I repeat not, take any action that would directly or indirectly have the effect of raising the rates charged to military personnel or their families for telephone calls placed using prepaid phone bills.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Norma H. Belk